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Cachets For Southern Airmail Inaugurals

Effective on or about June 1, 1949, air-mail service will be inaugurated over that portion of Segment No. 1 of route A. M. 98, between Memphis, Tenn., Tupelo, Miss., Columbus, Miss., Tuscaloosa, Ala., Birmingham, Ala., Gadsden, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga.; and over Segment No. 2 of route A. M. 98, between Atlanta, Ga., La Grange, Ga., Columbus, Ga., Albany, Ga., Moultrie, Ga., Valdosta, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla.

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Constitution Centenary Commem From Denmark

Denmark will issue a stamp on June 5 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Constitution.

In a red color, it will be the same size as the railroad issue of last year. The denomination will be 20 ore.

News of the new issue came with a first day cover of the new Keiland commemorative series from Norway through the courtesy of the F. Arndt Cover Service, 44 Klosterengen, Roskilde, Denmark.

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AT ALEXANDRIA FIRST DAY CEREMONIES—(Left to right): Robert E. Fellers, Deputy Third Assistant Postmaster General, presenting souvenir albums containing sheets of the 6c Alexandria Bicentennial Air Mail Commemorative Stamp to Hon. Howard W. Smith, Congressman, 8th District, Virginia, and Hon. William T. Wilkins, Mayor of Alexandria, Va., as Ellmore Mudd, Postmaster, Alexandria, looks on. The ceremony took place at the Old Club Tea House, Alexandria, Va., in connection with the first day sale of the new stamp on Wednesday, May 11.

National Stamp Conventions In Boston And San Francisco Have Vital Policy Problems To Consider

by Herman Herst, Jr.

In this pleasant hobby of stamp collecting, many customs hark back to the distant past. Should any innovations be proposed, the hue and cry invariably is that "It's been done that way for years."

The relationship between the group sponsoring the National Convention of our larger Societies and the Society itself is a nebulous sort of thing, and like Topsy, it has just grown through the years, with little attempt ever having been made to formulate a definite policy.

There was a time when the Conventions of the major Societies were quite different from what they now are. Those were the days when most collectors found in the hobby only pleasure and when profit was not the motivating force. The thrills of exchanging, the exciting acquisition of a new stamp, the enthusiasm in meeting new friends—all these were the things that marked a stamp convention.

Instead of holding conventions in the larger cities, so that the dealers could stage a profitable bourse, the conventions were often held in spots like Niagara Falls, the Thousand Islands, Denver, Mackinac Island and the like. Dealers and collectors alike took advantage of natural wonders, sports, swimming, and boat trips. It wasn't important who sponsored the Convention; arrangements were simply made to meet at some hotel in a certain place, and each convention attendant paid his share of the expenses.

True, today it is quite different. Hotels no longer are willing to give their valuable space for nothing. Trophies for an exhibition cost money. The frames must be built or rented. Conventions today have grown until they are approaching the status of big business. It would seem to be time for a reappraisal of the situation that exists between the A.P.S. for example, and the group sponsoring its August Convention in Boston.

In the past, the societies have concerned themselves not one bit about the local details. If the

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Official Announcements Of Five More Countries Are Noted; Czechs Announce More Commemoratives

Among the items of news about the world's stamps this week were additional releases telling of coming commemorative issues for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Five additional stamp issuing countries have signified their intention to join the philatelic celebrants with single stamps or sets of stamps. They are Algeria, Jugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Spanish Guinea and Spanish West Africa. Poland while releasing the denominations to found in the set of stamps it will issue, did not give a first day date for them. Poland's three stamps will have denominations of 6, 18 and 30 zloties.

A decree dated March 15 from the Spanish Postal Administration states that the colonies of Spanish Guinea and Spanish West Africa will each have a UPU commem with a face value of 4 pesetas.

A rather limited printing of 75,000 of each stamp will constitute the issue.

Design of the Spanish Guinea stamp will depict two natives rowing in a canoe, while that for the colony of Spanish West Africa pictures the head of an Arab. Both issues will be printed in the Government Mint at Madrid, Spain.

Czechoslovakia's set of three stamps was issued on May 20 without much previous announcement of the issue. Face values are 3, 5 and 13 Kcs. with colors of red, blue and gray green respectively.

All three designs are the work of artist Kamil Lhotak. Three men were engaged in the engraving. Josef Mracek was responsible for the 3 Kcs., Jindra Schmidt for the 5 Kcs. and Ladislav Jirka for the 13 Kcs.

The stamps are horizontal rectangles in format of the medium commemorative size printed on unwatermarked paper by the rotary press in sheets of 50 and 25 pieces.

The designs represent the comparison between the primitive and the modern methods of transporting the mail.

Validity of the stamps to pay postage expires on December 31, 1949.

Jugoslavia has done little more than make the bare official announcement that it will participate in the commemoration. The number or the design of the stamps was not given, but a tentative date of October was mentioned.

Algeria is another of the French Colonies planning stamps to honor the U.P.U. It too will have a single commemorative with a face value of 25 Fr. the same as the seven other colonies listed here last week.

Other stamp news from Czechoslovakia mentions the two stamps issued May 4 for the regular postage series. These are a 4 Kcs. in violet picturing the poet Jiri Wolker, and an 8 Kcs. in brownish gray bearing the portrait of the writer Alois Jirasek.

Czechoslovakia also issued a set of three commemoratives for the Ninth Meeting of the Communist Party on May 24. Denominations are 1.50 Kcs. green, 3 Kcs. red and 5 Kcs. blue. Designs are a girl reaper, a group of five workers, and a single workman respectively.

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Country Stamps in set 1st Day

Germany	12, 16, 24, 50, 60 Pf.	April 11
1 and 2 Marks	50 Lire	May 2
Italy	50 Lire	May 2
Trieste (AMG ovpt.)	50 Lire	May 2
Switzerland	40c, 25, 40c	May 16
Czechoslovakia	3, 5, 13 Kcs.	May 20
Liechtenstein	40c	May 22

TO BE ISSUED

Great Britain	2½, 3, 6d and 1½	Oct. 10
Crown Colonies	2½, 3, 6d and 1½	Oct. 10
Spain	4 Pesetas	Oct. 9

ANNOUNCED WITHOUT DATES

Cameroons	25 Fr.
Fr. Eq. Africa	25 Fr.
Fr. W. Africa	25 Fr.
Madagascar	25 Fr.
St. Pierre & Miquelon	25 Fr.
Somali Coast	25 Fr.
Togo	25 Fr.
French Oceania	10 Fr.
New Caledonia	10 Fr.
Wallis & Futuna	10 Fr.
Indo-China	3 piastres
French India	1 rupee
Un. S. Africa	1½, 2, 3d
Salvador	5, 10c and 1 Col.
Poland	6, 18, 30 zl.
Spanish Guinea	45 Fr.
Algeria	25 Fr.
Spanish W. Africa	45 Fr.

Ethiopia Syria Jugoslavia France

First Sports Stamp Planned By Sweden

Sweden will issue the first stamps with a sports theme which has ever been issued by that country in July, according to Gimbel's Stamp Department.

Committees composed of men from Sweden's post office department and the sports project have collaborated on the stamp designs.

The stamps will mark the International Gymnastic meet which is to be held in Sweden in July. From June 17 to August 28, Sweden will have a series of sports meets and a Sports Exposition.

Prominent British Collector Visits U. S.

On June 8, 1949, Roland King-Farrow, Secretary and Librarian of the Royal Philatelic Society in London, England, will visit the Scandinavian Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, 8 p. m.

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—A new 10c Airmail in red shows the battle monument of Las Carceras.

DUTCH INDIES—Two new values have been added to the new set, honoring the occupation of Indonesia. These are 3 sen carmine; 4 sen, olive green.



FRANCE—A beautiful indigo commemorative stamp, just received, honors the French polar expedition. In the foreground is a group of men and dogs; in the background are ice flows and mountains.

FRENCH. MOROCCO—A 5fr. green has been added to the new pictorial set.

IRAN—A five value Victory set has been issued to commemorate the effort of Iran in achieving victory (presumably in World War II). Denominations are: 25 Dinar showing the flag of the kingdom in green, red, and orange, in an ornate brown frame; 50D purple, showing the lock of their inter-ocean canal; 1 1/2 rials red, picturing a highway through the Iranian desert; 2 1/2 blue, showing a railway trestle over a gorge; 5r green, showing a map of Iran with an inset portrait of his majesty, Mohammed Riza Pahlevi.

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The stamp shows two hemispheres, with an airplane in flight above them. At the left is a train and at the right, a steamship. Appropriate inscriptions complete the design.

JUGOSLAVIA—A 10 lira deep green and light green, shows a pair of clasped hands; at the left is a mallet and at the right, a sickle. The initials "B.U.J.A.S.T.T." are strung across the top in white.

I have no idea as to what particular communist function this commemorative honors, but we might attach some significance to a little billy goat's head which appears in the lower right hand corner, apparently as an after thought.

The date 1-5-1949 is in the lower center part of the stamp.

JUGOSLAVIA—A three value semi-postal set, showing summer sports, has been received. Denominations and colors are as follows: 2d + 1d green; which pictures a shot-putter; 3d + 1d red, a woman hurdler; 2 + 2d gray, a pole vaulter.

LUXEMBOURG—Four added values in the recent regular issue, portraying Grand Duchess Charlotte, are to be issued. These are: 15c, brown; 1fr 60, gray; 6fr, mauve; 8fr, green.

NETHERLANDS—A 5-value set of semi-posts, picturing summer recreation, has been received. Denominations, colors, and subjects are: 2c + 2c, blue and orange, showing bathers at the beach; 5c + 3c blue and yellow, showing hikers; 6c + 4c, green, showing youths camping out; 10c + 5c, blue and yellow, showing a girl doing farm work; and 20c + 5c, blue, showing a yachting regatta.



PORTUGUESE INDIA—A lovely commemorative set, showing a three-quarter portrait of Our Lady of Fátima, wearing a large crown, has been received. The stamps are printed in delicate pastel shades by lithograph, and should be popular with collectors of religious subjects.

Denominations and colors are: 1 reis, light blue; 3r, gold yellow; 9r, light red violet; 2 tangas green; 9t, vermilion; 2 rupia violet brown; 5r, olive green; 8r, bluish purple.

SPAIN—A 4 peseta Airmail will be issued on October 9 as Spain's commemorative to honor the Universal Postal Union.

TRIESTE—Allied Military Government. The overprint A.M.G.F.T.T. in black, in two lines, has been applied to the Venice Fair commemorative of Italy reported last week. This same overprint in red has been applied to the Milan Fair commemorative and the U.P.U. commemorative of Italy.



TURKEY—Two new Charities have just been issued as a postal tax. Denominations are: 50 kurus, blue, with a red crescent showing a broken plant; and 100 kurus, green, with overprint in the same design.

UNION SOUTH AFRICA—A new 1 1/2d commemorative, honoring the 100th anniversary of the first settlers at Natal was issued May 2. Stamps will be in bilingual pairs.

URUGUAY—Two commemoratives were issued in connection with the Fourth Regional Congress of American Workers. The 3c green, shows a farmer plowing with a yoke of Oxen; the 7c aquamarine, shows a Latin American cowboy herding cattle.

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Mr. Betts has already turned the material over to Warren Scholl of the Mint Sheet Brokerage Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio for disposal. Some of the material will be offered through the medium of an ad in the June 6 edition of Linn's.

Some of the outstanding pieces in the collection were the mint blocks of Columbians which were usually in 25 stamps to the block. And, there were generally several blocks of that size of each of the values, some with almost perfect centering.

Found also were many plate blocks of the Prexie series of all values from the 1/2 cent up through the present obsolete values to the \$5.

The Columbians are now being broken up for future sale by Mint Sheet Brokerage at 18 E. Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Membership Directory
Produced By Seaposters

Members of the Maritime Postmark Society should all now have the directory which lists the names, addresses and specialties of each. This membership list for 1949 carries the names of all the members not only in the United States, but also those in a number of the Central and South American nations, Europe and Asia.

The Maritime Postmark Society is an international organization devoted to the collecting of Ocean, Lake and River Mails, Postmarks and Covers.

Contact among the members is kept with the club's official bulletin, "The Seaposter" which is mailed monthly. It carries news of interest to collectors of the above named material.

Persons interested in discovering more about the functions of the club can address a request for such information to the secretary,

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We Want A Santa Claus Stamp

For several years past Linn's Weekly Stamp News has proposed a Santa Claus Stamp. Always there have been excuses, none of which were worth the paper they were written on. When it comes to issuing stamps, it has long ago been demonstrated that just about anything can be had if there is enough demand for it. This year with the help of others, we are going to start early and fight right up till next winter, for this stamp. We do not believe that there has been a single Commemorative stamp issued in many years past that would meet with as much acclaim by John Q. Public as would a Santa Claus stamp.

There is no sound or sane reason why it should not be issued. We are now taking up the fight again and we are not without helpers in this battle. Chief of which is practically the whole city of Evansville, Indiana. Here is the story... Major Clifford O. Bicking of the Evansville Stamp Club has interested the club in this project and already there is every indication that the whole city of Evansville is going to get behind this project and see it through this time. In addition to the Club, the Department of Philately of the Evansville Public Museum favors this stamp as does the Servel Stamp Club of Evansville. The Evansville Chamber of Commerce is helping also. Then the Club has interested various A. F. of L. and C. I. O. Unions. The City, County, and Catholic P. T. A. are behind it. The Shrine Boosters Club, the Eagles and other Fraternal organizations are going to help put it over. The daily newspapers and the four radio stations in Evansville have promised their support. Evansville people are writing letters to Winfield K. Denton, Congressman from the 8th Indiana District urging such a stamp. Mr. Denton is favorable and plans to introduce a bill in Congress for such a stamp.

It is proposed that the stamp be issued first day, on December 1, at Santa Claus, Indiana. So there you are. Evansville, Indiana is on the war path for a Santa Claus Stamp and Linn's Weekly is also in the running. We can have a Santa Claus Stamp if we will all ask for it now. Do not put it off till Christmas. These things must be planned ahead. Write the Senators from your state, write your State Representatives and write Postmaster General Donaldson. A concerted demand now, will bring us that Santa Claus Stamp this coming Christmas and it will be the most popular Commemorative Stamp this country has ever issued.

We can issue stamps with most everything else on them, so why not a Santa Claus Stamp. There is no sound reason why it can not or should not be issued. Down with the Bigots, let us stop the pussyfooting, give us a Santa Claus Stamp.

Collectors who want to take an active interest in this project and who will contact their local organizations of all sorts can address Major Clifford O. Bicking, 1109 MacArthur Circle, Evansville, Indiana, and learn direct, just what to do to get best results. Get to work now and we will have that Santa Claus Stamp for Christmas.

"Wanted To Buy" Column Is Popular

We do not know of anything that we have featured in our columns for a long time, that has brought the response and interest that is being shown in this new Wanted To Buy Column. For the coming weeks, this column will be found on this same page, so you will not have to search for it.

Many responses have been coming in and we have listed a large number of wants in this issue. The list will grow and grow fast and if it continues as it seems likely to do we may be obliged to limit the listings in some manner to keep them down to a reasonable number. But so long as we can spare the space we can get results...and by results, we mean if dealers and those who have stamps to sell can and will offer to supply the wanted items, then we shall attempt to continue the column for them it will be serving the purpose for which it is used and if that is done we will feel that it is well worth the effort.

Therefore Mr. Dealer, look over the column in every issue. Read the rules and offer what you can supply. This gives you a splendid opportunity to make some sales and best of all to make new customers.

Whether we will continue this column is dependent on the dealer offering the stamps wanted more than on the collector who can list his wants. If the items wanted can not be supplied then there is little object in listing them.

Founding Anniversary Is Theme Of Cachet

The 300th anniversary of the founding of Malden, Mass. & the 11th exhibition of the Malden Stamp Club are the theme of a cachet which is being sponsored by the club.

The exhibition will take place from June 12 to 17 at the Malden YMCA.

The cachet will appear in three colors and will be applied to the

prepared covers of collectors. Envelopes (6 1/4 size) are to have the name and the address well to the right hand side to leave sufficient space for the cachet. First class postage must be affixed to all covers, 3c for surface mail and 6c for airmail.

A sum of five cents is to accompany each set of three covers to be serviced.

Send payment and covers to G. L. Plimpton, 74 Wallace St., Malden 48, Mass. Deadline for service is June 6.

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MR. DEALER: You are invited to participate in this feature of Linn's Weekly Stamp News by looking over this list of wants that will appear from week to week and advising us which stamps you can supply. In doing this you are expected to list the stamps by the number in () preceding each stamp listed, describe the copy as to condition and name your price on the stamp. This information will then be supplied to the person wanting the stamp and should result in a sale by you and should at the same time give you an opportunity to make a new customer.

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- (14) Andorra #J17-20, J32, J33-9.
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- (16) France #380-90.
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- (21) Latvia #164-7.
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- (23) Romania B401-3.
- (24) Russia #456-67.
- (25) San Marino #352-63.
- (26) Turkey #RA8-38.
- (27) Ecuador #2, 4, 6, () original, reprint or counterfeit.
- (28) Seychelles #144, postally used.
- (29) Nyasaland Prot. 67, postally used.
- (30) U. S. #W405c, U409a, W415c, U431 Bartels Die D, all ()
- (31) Union S. Afr. #14, 15, 16.
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- (36) Australia #191 to 193, FDC.
- (37) Gambia #138, FDC.
- (38) New Zealand B7, FDC.
- (39) Tonga #70 to 72, FDC.
- (40) Bermuda #130, FDC.
- (41) Barbados #180, FDC.
- (42) Canada, #CL. C2, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E8, E9, 251, all FDC.
- (43) U. S. #909, FDC, name () on Art-craft cover.
- (44) U. S. #821, FDC () Crosby or Farmum cover.
- (45) Card from Prisoner of War in Japan.
- (46) U. S. UC9, mint, entire.
- (47) U. S. 599 and 686, first and last strip of four from coil with paper attached.
- (48) U. S. 294, single strip or block with plate number 1232 also 1234.
- (49) U. S. #294 FDC.
- (50) Invert center foreign covers.
- (51) Animal stamp on cover.
- (52) Hungary J3, 8, 9 also PR1 to 5.

The number 2 item previously listed has been found. Wm. Klemm a New York dealer has offered this item. Thus we are glad to report quick results and hope that dealers will watch this column and help make it a big success.

This new column is apparently going to be a very popular one. For the time being we will try to be as liberal as possible in allowing various listings, but reserve the right to restrict the listings should demand become too heavy.

Originally our thought was for the listing of single individual stamps or sets. We may have to restrict in this manner and to stamps of a high catalog value but shall go along as long as we can and on the other hand, it all depends on what results we can get for our readers.

We must insist however that you follow our regulations to the letter, for offering us listings. We have been obliged to refuse some who did not comply with the rules, which were made to

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Holmes Canada, BNA Catalog Published

SPECIALIZED CATALOG OF CANADA AND BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. L. S. Holmes, M.D., editor and publisher: 266 pp. illustrated; cloth covers; \$5 at Victoria Stamp Co., London, Ontario, or Lindquist Publications New York, N.Y.

The 1949 edition of this highly specialized catalog of the stamps of Canada and British North America has added another innovation, in the pricing of the early issues as to condition.

To be found also is a complete overhauling of the listings and the pricings of all the stamps especially in the plate block category a field which has become increasingly popular in the past few years.

Pricing of the various stamps is on a net basis, and is said to be based on a study of the market for Canadian and BNA stamps in all parts of the world. Auction realizations as well as retail and wholesale sales were weighed.

Any collector who specializes in all the stamps of Canada or British North America will find the Holmes Catalog indispensable. The varieties of all the issues are listed where they are of a sufficient importance and in some cases illustrated. The complete plate data is included with each issue of stamps listed.

Found listed are the regular issues, airmails, dues, revenues, postal stationery, telephone franks and nearly everything of philatelic interest within the scope of the catalog except pre-cancels.

Of course, Dr. Holmes needs no introduction to the stamp collecting public since on Canada and BNA issues he is considered top man. In presenting the material of the catalog he has prepared it for easy reading and use—specialist and general collectors alike will find it an important book to have for quick reference.

Israel's Admission To UN Noted With Cover

When the Foreign Minister of Israel was escorted to the rostrum to take his place as the 59th representative on May 11, interested persons marked the event with a cover. The ceremony took place at the United Nations meeting place at Lake Success, New York.

The cover bears the 5c United Nations stamp of the United States as well as the recently issued 20m. flag stamp of Israel. The postmark bears the "United Nation—Lake Success, N. Y." designation as well as six line wavy killer with the slogan, "Courier of the United Nations."

A cachet announces the fact that Israel was admitted as a member of the group on May 11.

The cover was seen through the courtesy of Gimbel's Stamp Department of New York City.

"Adolph Hitler" To Appear At Stamp Club Meeting

Adolph Hitler will occupy the spotlight at the regular monthly meeting of the Austria Philatelic Society.

The members of the group will hear Walter Friedlander speak on the issue of 1945 with the "Hitler Overprint."

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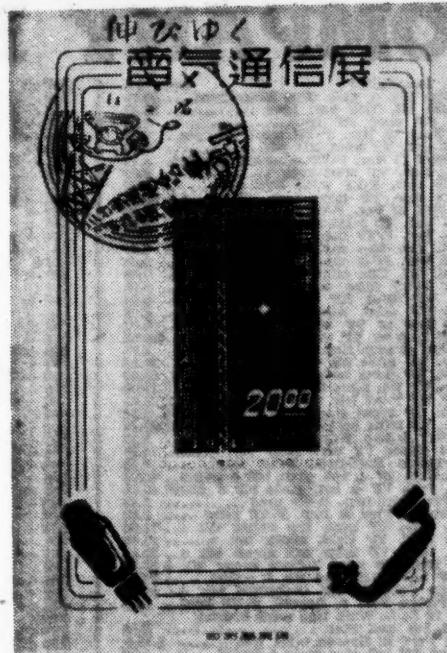
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FOR JAPAN'S ELECTRICAL COMMUNICATIONS EXHIBITION. The Mitsukoshi Department Store in Tokyo was the scene of the Communications show which opened on May 11 and lasted for one week. The Souvenir sheet shown above was issued for the event and sold at the special post office set up at the exhibition. First day was May 11. The stamp in the center of the sheet is perforated and has a value of 20 yen. Blue in color, it depicts a radio tower. The legend in the two lines at the top of the sheet reads, "The Exhibition for Growing Electrical Communications." The inscription at the lower left on the stamp reads, "Electrical Communications Week." Note the commemorative cancellation—it is upside down. The sheet was shown through the courtesy of the Japan Philatelic Society, P. O. Box 11, Tokyo, Japan and T. Mizutani, 1927 Asahi-Cho, Yokkaichi City, Japan.

BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER
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BARBADOS. In April, this colony adopted the dollars and cents currency. This will result in a complete new issue in the new currency. Some of the shillings and pence stamps have been in use only a short time and should be good items.

BERMUDA. Rumors are that Bermuda is anxious to follow the example of Newfoundland and federate with Canada. A preliminary move would be to change currency to dollars and cents.

The recently issued "Perot" set is popular and is a good buy now at the present retail price of about 25c.

TRANS-JORDAN. It is reported that this British controlled country has officially changed its name to "Jordan." The adoption of this new name means that new stamps will soon be issued without the "TRANS."

SAMOA. It is reported that four postal fiscal stamps of New Zealand, surcharged for use in Samoa will soon be released. The values mentioned are £1-10/10-, £3, £10 and £20.

IRELAND. After a long delay the one pence and one shilling air mail stamps were released early in April. These will probably be the last stamps that can be considered as British Empire issues, as on April 18th Ireland was officially declared a republic.

TRIPOLITANIA. The recently issued B.M.A. stamps for Tripoli-

tania may soon be obsolete in view of the announcement of transfer of authority from the local military government to the British foreign office. If new stamps are not issued, we may expect a change in the overprint.

UNION SOUTH AFRICA. Has announced a set of stamps in commemoration of the inauguration of the Voortrekker Monument. The values mentioned are one pence, one and one half pence and three pence, probably in bilingual pairs. Date of release has not been announced.

TOKELAU ISLANDS. The recently issued set of three pictorial stamps, each shows a map of an island or "ATOLL." The name Atoll is taken from a native word used in the south seas and is given to islands consisting mostly of water. These islands are of coral formation which throughout the centuries has risen above the surface and which encloses a large deep lagoon.

THIS 'N' THAT WITH THE TRADE

The 1949—Second Edition Wholesale Price List of J. & H. Stolow is now available to dealers requesting it on their business stationery. It carries a listing of foreign stamps in complete mint sets from Aden to Zanzibar, including British Colonies. It is not very often that an offering of such stamps is possible since to stock such a great number of varieties requires worldwide facilities which the Stolow firm seems to have.

Jack O. King associated in the stamp business of the late H. A. Robinette, has purchased the fixtures and supplies of the firm, & will operate from the same location. His stock consists of stamps of all countries of the world. In September, Mr. King plans to begin a series of auctions which will include the "Beard" British Colonies and the Henn United States collections.

Plate block collectors will appreciate the new check and price list which has just been made available by A. B. Crane, Box 351, Altoona, Pa. Mr. Crane has dealt in plate blocks for a number of years and carries a substantial stock of individual positions and matched sets. While customers of his have obtained the list gratis, new names are asked to send 25¢ to cover the cost of mailing and handling.

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Max O. Buser is the newest addition to the staff of Scott Publications, Inc. Mr. Buser will assist in the editing of the Scott Catalogs and Albums. Mr. Buser has been in the New York City stamp trade for over 29 years, the last nine of which were spent with the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

Last meeting of the Friedl Expert committee before the summer closing will be held on June 29. Material to be considered must be in their hands by June 27 and can be addressed c/o Edwin Mueller, Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18. The first Fall session is scheduled for September 7.

Starting on June 27, S. Serebrakian, Hotel Astor, New York, N.Y. will hold a four day auction of wholesale material. The more than 3000 lots will have a total catalog value of over one million dollars. Complete sets of the Silver Weddings, Europe, Airmails Packets of all sizes are some of the material which will be offered. A catalog is available from the address above.

Austrian Stamps Are Not Imperf Rarities

Collectors are warned of the current 20g stamp of the Costumes series of Austria, imperforate single copies with wide margins recently offered in this country at many times face value. These items are not, as claimed, imperforate stamps, but cut squares from postal stationery, in the present case, from gummed address labels which were ordered by an Austrian philatelic publisher for the mailing of his journal and misrepresented by third parties as rare imperforates.

Similar "imperforates" especially of Scott No. 491 and 495, which were actually also cut squares from postal stationery, were previously offered, even in an auction, in a misleading way as imperforates.

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27	#30 10c Orange Brown Type II, VF mint single no gum		18.00
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39	#69 12c Black 1861, JF mint cuts on left	16.50
40	#69 12c Black 1861, VF used	5.00
41	#70 24c Red Lilac, JF used black grill can	12.00
42	#70A 24c Brown Lilac fine used	12.00
43	#71 30c Orange 1861 JF mint OG straight edge on R	25.00
44	#72 30c Orange 1861 JF used nice can	9.00
45	#72 30c Orange JF used light blue can	22.50
46	#72 30c Orange 1861 JF used light red can	20.00
47	#72P 90c Blue VF small Die Proof	
48	#73 2c Black Jack, fine mint copy	4.50
49	#75 5c Red brown fine used light black Grill can	17.50
50	#76 5c Black brown fine used lightly can	9.00
51	#77 15c Black 1856 iss. fine used light black can	
52	#78P 24c Dark slate VF small Die Proof	
53	#86 1c Blue 11 x 13 Grill Just Fine Used	18.50
54	#87 2c Black 11 x 13 Grill fine used light red can	6.00
55	#93 2c Black 9 x 13 Grill F-VF used nice can	4.00
56	#55 1c Brown 11 x 13 Grill, JF-F mint no gum	95.00
57	#112 1c 1869 fine used, no gum	10.00
58	#112 1c 1869 Just Fine mint	10.00
59	#112 1c 1869 Just Fine used	7.00
60	#112 1c 1869 Just Fine used	5.00
61	#112 1c 1869 iss. fine used copy with Green Target can	8.75
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Description										Cat. Val.	
GENERAL FOREIGN	1-11	Aden	1/2a-5R	1937	iss fine mint copies	27.10	Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.		
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-13	Algeria	1fr.-5fr.	fine mint copies	7.25	714	8c Olive Green Perf. 10. 35 fine used copies	28.00	917	#826 21c Pres. 160 fine used	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB16-26	Algeria	5c-5fr.	fine mint set cpl.	12.50	715	11c Grey Perf. 10. 35 fine used copies	22.50	918	#828 24c Pres. 160 fine used	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB7-76	Antigua	1c-5c	fine mint set cpl.	3.58	716	19c Grey Perf. 10. 35 fine used copies	22.00	919	#830 30c Pres. 37 fine used	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB4-93	Antigua	1/2c-5c	fine mint set cpl.	70.00	717	27c Light Ultramarine Perf. 10. 35 fine used copies	18.00	920	#832 \$1.00 Purple & black Pres. Iss. 200 fine used	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB47-65	Argentina	J. 1c	fine mint set cpl. 4 val	3.58	718	47c 81c 100c Violet Black Perf. 10. 35 fine used copies	12.50	921	#834 \$2.00 Pres. Iss. 200 fine used	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB2-71	Austria	2 S. Dull	Green F-VF mint copy	17.50	719	48c 98c 19c 1917 Flat Plate 25 fine mint bks	17.50	922	#836 3c Sweden & Finns 400 fine used	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB21-10	Austria	2 S. Dull	Green F-VF used	17.50	720	49c 99c 1917 Flat Plate 25 fine mint bks	10.25	923	#837 3c Small Northwest 300 fine used	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB21-10	Austria	2 S. Dull	Green F-VF used	15.00	721	50c 1917 Flat Plate 15 fine mint plate bks 6	6.00	924	#840 1/2c Brown Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB21-10	Austria	2 S. Dull	Green F-VF used	25.00	722	51c 1917 Flat Plate 30 fine mint plate bks 6	10.25	925	#841 1/2c Brown Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB21-10	Austria	2 S. Dull	Green F-VF used	11.50	723	52c 1917 Flat Plate 15 fine mint plate bks 6	6.00	926	#842 1/2c Brown Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB21-21A-21C-22	Bermuda	1p-1p	fine mint set cpl. 14 diff.	118-20-20A	724	53c 1917 Flat Plate 10 fine mint copies	15.00	927	#843 1/2c Brown Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB65-86	Bosnia & Herzegovina	sh-10K	fine mint set cpl.	23.65	725	54c 1917 Flat Plate 10 fine mint copies	6.00	928	#844 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB22-24	Brazil	VF	fine mint set cpl.	26.33	726	55c 1917 Flat Plate 25 fine mint bks	15.00	929	#845 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-11	Brazil	fine mint	3 val. cpl.	5.00	727	56c 1917 Flat Plate 25 fine mint bks	12.50	930	#846 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-11	British Honduras	1p	Blue Uawk. J.F. to fine	3.60	728	57c 1917 Flat Plate 40 fine mint bks	15.00	931	#847 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-11	British Honduras	Silver Wedding	VF	on First Day Cover	5.00	729	58c 1917 Flat Plate 7 fine mint bks	12.00	932	#848 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB67-79	British Solomon Islands	10sh.	fine mint set cpl.	9.47	730	59c 1917 Flat Plate 7 fine mint bks	12.00	933	#849 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB33	Burma	fine used	on Maiden Voyage of S.S. Executor Cover		731	60c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	934	#850 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB13-17	Canada	2c	Green Coll. Perf. 12	12 fine used copy	4.50	732	61c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	935	#851 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-16	Canada	Air Mail	1c	1c fine mint	3.73	733	62c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	936	#852 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-16	Czechoslovakia	1c	fine mint 3 val. cpl.	18.55	734	63c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	937	#853 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-19	Czechoslovakia	Air Mail	fine mint set cpl.	5.75	735	64c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	938	#854 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB97-106	Dominica	1/2c-5c	fine mint set cpl.	3.85	736	65c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	939	#855 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB22-24	Egypt	King Birthday	1s.	Stamps	3.95	737	66c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	940	#856 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB127-130	Egypt	10c-10sh.	fine mint set cpl.	4.62	738	67c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	941	#857 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine	
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-131	France	10fr.	Green & Red F-VF	mint	55.00	739	68c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	942	#858 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB1-132	France	2fr.	Orange & Pale Blue	Le Harve Ex-	6.50	740	69c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	943	#859 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	3 fr.	4 fr.	fine mint	7.50	741	70c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	944	#860 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	3 fr.	4 fr.	fine mint	17.50	742	71c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	945	#861 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	3 fr.	4 fr.	fine mint	10.00	743	72c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	946	#862 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	3 fr.	4 fr.	fine mint	12.00	744	73c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	947	#863 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	40c-150c	Blue F-VF	mint	40.81	745	74c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	948	#864 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Red VF	mint	7.50	746	75c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	949	#865 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	747	76c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	950	#866 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	748	77c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	951	#867 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	749	78c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	952	#868 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	750	79c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	953	#869 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	751	80c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	954	#870 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
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GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	762	91c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	965	#881 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	763	92c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	966	#882 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	764	93c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	967	#883 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
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GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	770	99c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	973	#889 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
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GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	776	105c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	979	#895 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	777	106c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	980	#896 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	778	107c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	981	#897 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
GENERAL FOREIGN	BB24-48	France	150c-310c	Blue F-VF	mint	7.50	779	108c 1917 Flat Plate 12 fine mint bks	12.00	982	#898 1/2c Pres. Coll. 50 fine
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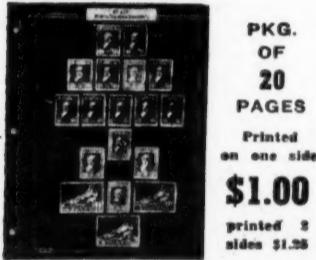
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ANNUAL FEDERAL FESTIVAL STAMPS FROM SWITZERLAND. The 1949 set of semi-postal stamps which is to appear on June 15 continues the theme of such sets established in 1945, that of depicting an occupation or worker, and representative houses in the various Swiss Cantons. The 5c plus 5c pictures a postman; the 10c plus 10c a farm house of the Jura of Basle; the 20c plus 10c a house of the canton of Lucerne and the 40c plus 10c a house of Prattigau.

Issue Of Swiss Confederation
Semi-Postals June 15; Designs
Continue Theme Of Past Sets

Switzerland's annual issue of Federal Festival semi-postal stamps will occur on June 15. The present set of four stamps will continue the "Work" and Swiss House" themes which were inaugurated with the 1945 issue. It will also mark the end of the use of the themes with the present one. As in the past, the surtax from the sale of the stamps will be devoted to a worthy charity—this year it will be used for the professional training of Swiss youth.

Three of the stamps will be in three colors, while the low value will exist in but two. The low value will also be the only one of the quartet which will be printed by a line engraving and rotary heliogravure process at the Government Stamp Printing Establishment at Berne.

The other three are to be manufactured at the firm of Courvoisier SA of La Chaux-de-Fonds by rotary heliogravure printing.

Denominations, colors and designs of the stamps are as follows. A 5c plus 5c in red and reddish violet depicts a Swiss postman making his rounds. The 10c plus 10c in green, chamois and red pictures a farm house of the Jura of Basle.

The 20c plus 10c in brown, chamois and red depicts a house in the canton of Lucerne. A house of Prattigau is shown on the dark blue, light blue and red 40c plus 10c.

Sale of the stamps will be made at all Swiss post offices until August 15, and at the Philatelic Agency until August 31. Validity of the stamps to prepay postage will expire on November 30.

Willy Koch of St. Gallen designed two of the stamps, the 5c plus 5c and the 40c plus 10c. Fritz Deringer of Uetikon was responsible for the design of the 10c plus 10c stamp and Hans Zaugg of Gerzensee, the 20c plus 10c value. Only the 5c plus 5c stamp was engraved, the engraving being the work of Karin Lieven of Geneva.

Granite paper will be used for the three high values, which has a mixture of red and blue fibers. The 5c stamp will be printed on the regular white paper without the fibers.

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Purchase of the stamps can be made from the Philatelic Agency, Direction General of PTT, Bollwerk 8, Berne, Switzerland at face value plus postage. Total face for one set is Fr. 1.10. The rate of exchange is approximately 4 Swiss Francs for one United States Dollar.

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Philippine Overprints

With the permission of Stephen G. Rich I reprint parts of an article which appeared in the old Precancel Bee of November 1934. There was a later article but it was more condensed and the parts that are essential seem to be in this article.

"These overprints were listed as precancels, with an ingenious explanation of why they are always post-cancelled, in an article in Mekevans of Feb. 1928, by F.W. Allen. No evidence that the stamps so overprinted ever were actually recognized as precancels has been brought forward; but in view of the widespread practice of printing or handstamping a firm's name on stamps to prevent theft, throughout the far east, there can be little doubt that this is the Philippine method of doing just that."

"It is with a great deal of pleasure that I am able to announce that the status of these interesting varieties has been definitely established. Both Dr. Meyer of the Philippine Baptist Mission of Capiz, and Mr. Waeter Bruggeman of Manila have written me at length concerning them."

It has been reasonable to assume that the overprintings were more of the nature of controls than precancels, when an examination of all copies that have passed through the mails show an additional postmark applied after the stamps were affixed to parcels. The real value in the use of precancels lies in the fact that they pass through the postoffice without recancelling, thus saving the time of the postoffice em-

ployees.

Therefore it is hard to understand why the stamps are recancelling when they pass through the Manila office. Perhaps Dr. Meyer strikes the reason when he states about the extra cancellation. "Our clerks out here will do anything; if they do not see the regular three concentric circle cancellation on a stamp, unused or precancelling as the case may be, on goes that horrible overprint. Such at least is proved by the mail I receive."

Editors Note: It seems from the above there are those that feel that these stamps were rightfully precancelling just mishandled. There are several pertinent questions that come up right away and the answers to those should definitely settle the issue of whether these stamps are precancelling or not or were intended to be precancelling.

I imagine there is quite an easy explanation how an albino comes about but we never have had this explained to us. We had hardly gotten inside the door when a member of the Columbus Philatelic Club came to us with this item. You could have made out the lettering even if there was no corner card to identify the town. It was a large size envelope and of course a 1c value.

The collector still has the envelope so don't bother writing me about it. He intends to keep it and I don't blame him.

New Stamps From
Hungary And Cochin

Hungary is going to honor the Russian poet Pushkin on June 6 with a set of stamps and a souvenir sheet. There are to be 25,000 complete sets and 10,000 souvenir sheets states Whitfield King and Co. of Ipswich, England.

A number of the sets and souvenir sheets in the past with such small amounts printed have brought many times face on the day of issue and are generally regarded as speculative items by informed collectors.

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The new 6c Alexandria Bi-centennial Airmail was only one day old but the mad rush was on, to acquire complete matched position sets and all indications pointed to plenty of exciting activity surrounding the second in a series of commemorative airmails.

The first was the famous or infamous N. Y. Air, whichever you care to term it.

Six plate numbers were issued for the Alexandria Air: 24083-4-5-6-7-8. Why six plates were needed is beyond my understanding except mayhap the P. O. Officials, being relieved by the order to limit postal emissions to twelve per year, know that CMPS collectors will help the revenue along by garnering every collectable position. In this instance there are 24 positions needed to complete a set.

Add to this the investments of many dealers who have to stock up with an eye to future sales. Yes sir!

Last year we had to contend with 29 new issues but only three of the 29 had six plates and four had only two plates. As far as complete set collectors are concerned, the new Alexandria Air is equal to two of the six plate issues, of last year and from a monetary viewpoint the face value of the new air is \$5.76 as compared to the total face value of \$4.48 for the four issues which had only two plates each.

This year's four commems have produced three which have six plates and one of four. At this rate we can look forward to some more heavy investments comparable to last year.

According to figures available at the moment, I find that the Francis Scott Key issue had a printing of 115,000,000 and the Gold Star Mothers issue 75,000,000. These two issues had only two plates each. The Alexandria Air, at present, is to have a printing of 70,000,000. Why the six plates? Of course who am I to question why. Nevertheless it is puzzling.

If anything the 1948 commems did more than their share in bringing thousands upon thousands more collectors into the fold. Most of these newcomers have been successful in filling quite a good proportion of the hundreds of positions needed of 1948.

Like most of the old-time collectors they are now seeking new fields to conquer and their natural inclinations are to obtain position sets of those issues prior to the 'forty-eighers.'

For the benefit of all concerned I will now recapitulate all of the issues from Iwo Jima (No. 929) to Everglades (No. 952).

#929-3c Iwo Jima-6PN-24Pos.

.25	.25	.25	.25
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.15	.15	.25	.15
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23313	23314
.30	.30*
.30	.30

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23285	23286
.30	.25
.25	.25

23287	23288
.30	.35
.30	.35

23293 23294

.25	.30
.35	.35

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23381	23382
.40	.40
.40	.40

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23324	23325
.25	.25
.25	.25

23326	23327
.25	.25
.25	.25

#935-3c Navy World War II-6PN-24 Pos.

23338	23339
.35	.40
.45	.40

23340	23341
.35	.35
.35	.35

23342	23343
.25	.25
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#936-3c Coast Guard-4PN-16 Pos.

23334	23335
.25	.30
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23336	23337
.25	.30
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#937-3c Alfred E. Smith-4 PN-16 Pos.

23353	23354
.30	.30
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23355	23358
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Resume Surface

Parcel Post To Berlin

When the Blockade of Berlin was lifted on May 12, normal United States mail service with the German capital was resumed.

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During the ten months the blockade existed, surface parcel post was the only mail affected. Parcel post by air and airmail was carried into Berlin by American overseas airlines. Surface letters were carried by the famed "airlift" airplanes.

Chicago Helicopter
Airmail Service Delayed

The helicopter airmail service which was supposed to have taken place about May 1 in the Chicago area has been postponed until possibly early July.

Collectors who had sent covers to the post offices there or to the Calumet Philatelic Society for the first flight cachet should allow for the delay.

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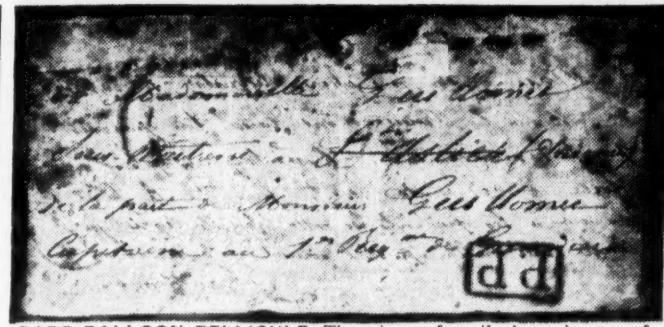
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**Artist Lampoons
Recent Commems**

It is a good thing that some artist collectors have been struck with the humor of the flood of stamps over the past few years, and of the sometimes inane events which they are to commemorate.

Otherwise the following stamp designs would never have been made. Collectors will at once recognize that the stamps have never existed, nor will they exist, but they do take a refined poke in the nose of the several nations represented.

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France with its flood of stamps

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picturing famous artists is lampooned with a horrible example of stamp art. Using the style of Pablo Picasso, modernist, a figure representing an attractive woman is made with this design attributed to Picasso.



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Final offering of the five, is a stamp which is attributed to Belgium, and which is to mark the failure of Picard in his attempt to reach depths in the ocean never before attained by man. The artist felt that since Belgium had issued a series of three stamps in 1932 to mark the successful flight of the eminent scientist into the stratosphere in 1932, his bathysphere experience deserved recognition also.

The stamp design, with an ironical twist, speaks for itself.

Pictures of the stamps were received through the courtesy of Philatelic Equator, P. O. Box 85, Hamburg 36, Germany.

President Babcock
Of Oswego Club Dies

Members of the Oswego, N. Y. Stamp Club are mourning the loss of their president, Ford A. Babcock, 47 who died on May 15. Mr. Babcock organized the club several years ago and had served as its president since then.

He was an enthusiastic stamp collector, widely known throughout New York state. He had served as a letter carrier at Oswego N. Y. the past 23 years.

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**Collector Performs
On Ripley's TV Show**

Bob Jones, Philadelphia physical culturist and stamp collector, appeared on a recent Robert L. Ripley BELIEVE IT OR NOT television show, via WNBT New York and the NBC chain, doing his celebrated hand balance on the two thumbs alone.

Mr. Jones is one of the few men who actually do balance on their thumbs without resorting to trickery. It is one of the stunts for which he is well known in physical culture circles.

Also on the program, and carried right through the final dress rehearsal, was the showing and discussing of his rare Metz (Franco-Prussian war) unmanned balloon pellicule, one of the few which still exist and probably the only one extant showing the "P. P." mark to indicate free government franking, plus an office cancellation (which is illegible). Most of the few which escaped the Prussians and reached friendly hands were forwarded in the usual penalty envelopes, a la V-mail of World War II.

We said almost—at the last rehearsal